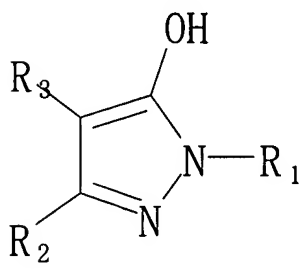


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A~~An~~ inhibitor of protein modification products formation comprising
a compound of formula (II)

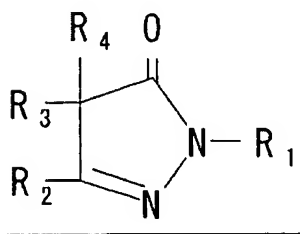


~~according to claim 2,~~

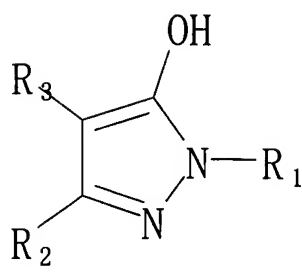
wherein ~~the~~ R₁ is phenyl group, ~~the~~ R₂ is methyl group, ~~the~~ and R₃ is 6-methyl-1,3-dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group ~~in formula (II), in free or salt form.~~

10-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I)



or formula (II)



wherein R₄ is a hydrogen atom or monovalent organic group~~A compound according to claim 22,~~
and wherein the R₁ is phenyl group, the R₂ is methyl group, the~~and~~ R₃ is 6-methyl-1,3-
dihydrofuro-[3,4-c]-pyridin-7-ol group, in free or salt form.

25-26. (Canceled)